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WASHINGTON, D. C. 20505

National Intelligence Officers

4 February 1977

MEMORANDUM FOR THE NATIONAL FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE BOARD

SUBJECT: Preparation of an Interagency Intelligence Memorandum: POSSIBLE SOVIET REACTIONS TO U.S. SATELLITE RECONNAISSANCE SYSTEMS AND POLICY

1. In response to a request of the Director of the National Security Agency, the NFIB has approved the preparation of an interagency intelligence memorandum on possible Soviet reactions to US satellite reconnaissance systems and policy. The time period to be addressed is the next five to ten years, and the US systems to be addressed are those presently operating and now programmed.

2. Attached are draft terms of reference for the IIM, as agreed between representatives of NSA and NIO for Strategic Programs. A brief discussion of the background of the study, which is intended to complement the recent IIM "Prospects for Soviet Interference With US Space Systems During Crisis or Conflict" and a plan of investigation are also included.

3. In the preparation of the IIM, inputs will be needed in regard to the evaluation of Soviet political interpretations and behavior as well as technical possibilities for satellite interference.

4. You are requested to designate a representative to serve on the ad hoc interagency group which will be responsible for preparing the IIM. (Representatives should have Top Secret, SI, TK, Gamma and special clearances for all current SIGINT and imagery satellite systems.) The first meeting of the ad hoc group will be held at CIA Headquarters, room 7-E-62, at 1400 hours on 11 February 1977. The purpose of this initial meeting is to consider the Terms of Reference, identify working groups and procedures, and establish a target date for completion of the IIM within the second quarter of CY 1977.

5. The ad hoc group responsible for preparing the IIM will be chaired by [redacted] of the National Security Agency. The study manager will be [redacted] of the Office of Strategic Research, CIA. Please provide [redacted] with the name of your representative by COB Wednesday, 9 February 1977.

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Deputy to the DCI for National Intelligence

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